

REMARKS

Claims 44, 48-53 and 55 are all the claims pending in the application.

At page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner maintains the rejection of claims 44, 48-53, and 55 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as set forth in the previous Office Action.

However, the Examiner states that the declaration filed on November 10, 2003 would overcome this rejection if resubmitted in signed form with the following statement:

I declare further that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Accordingly, this language has been added to the declaration filed November 10, 2003, and the declaration has been re-executed by the inventor. A copy of the executed declaration is attached hereto.

At page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that a new Abstract of the Disclosure is required to be presented on a separate sheet apart from any other text. The new Abstract of the Disclosure presented on a separate sheet is attached.

At page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that the first page of the specification must contain the status of application 08/446,760. Accordingly, the first page of the specification is amended to include the status of application 08/446,760.

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
USSN 09/133,766

At page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner states the heading "Brief Description of the Drawings" should be inserted before the description of Figure 1. Accordingly, the section heading "Brief Description of the Drawings" is inserted at page 9 of the specification before the description of Figure 1.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

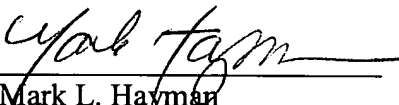
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